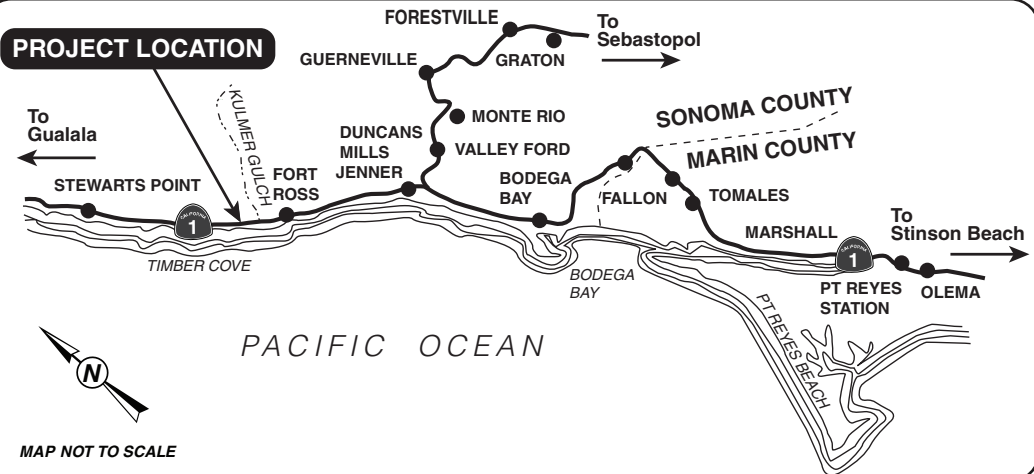




Public Notice

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON A SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS FINDING FOR IMPACTS TO THE FORT ROSS STATE HISTORIC PARK



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces its intent to adopt a U.S. Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) de minimis finding for a storm damage repair project on State Route 1 (Route 1) in Sonoma County. The project would build a retaining wall to prevent further road failure from a landslide on a winding stretch of State Route 1 at post mile 34.5 at Fort Ross State Historic Park, 14 miles north of the town of Jenner, in Sonoma County, California.

The route in the project area crosses a south-facing slope overlooking the California coast. A landslide has caused severe cracking in the roadway pavement there. Visible cracks in the pavement of the southbound lane extend to the centerline of the roadway, and the slide damage is advancing to the east. The travel lanes vary from approximately 10.0 feet to 11.2 feet wide. Repairing the landslide damage to State Route 1 within the project limits requires: building a retaining wall with one row of tiebacks, a metal beam guardrail barrier and cable rails; building a minimum 3-inch ditch with an asphalt-concrete dike; and widening the lanes to 12 feet and the shoulders to 8 feet.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The proposed project is an action that is subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Section 4(f) of this legislation seeks to protect publicly owned parklands, recreation areas, waterfowl and wildlife refuges, and significant historic sites from impacts—the “use” of these resources—by U.S. Department of Transportation actions. After evaluation of the impacts of an action upon Section 4(f) resources, a finding must be made. The Federal Highway Administration has assigned the responsibility for Section 4(f) findings to Caltrans under Section 6009 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act of 2005. SAFETEA-LU established the de minimis finding process, in which determinations are made regarding 4(f) resources when no adverse effect would occur. De minimis impacts are defined as those that do not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes for which the property qualifies as a 4(f) resource.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Caltrans is asking for input from the public as well as representatives from the California State Parks Russian River District. Public comments on the 4(f) de minimis finding will be accepted for 30 days beginning September 6 and ending October 3, 2011. Send your comments by email to Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov or by U.S. mail to Gail Miller, Senior Environmental Planner, California Department of Transportation, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721.

CONTACT

For more information about the project, please contact Gail Miller at (559) 445-6172.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require documents in alternative formats or translated are asked to contact Caltrans District 6 at (559) 444-2409. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 711.